



THE BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[MEDICINE CROW HONORED FOR WWII SERVICE: FORMER GENERAL, FRENCH OFFICIAL AWARD MEDALS TO CROW HISTORIAN](#)

By BECKY SHAY Billings Gazette 06/26/08

GARRYOWEN - For Joe Medicine Crow, Wednesday was "it'chik." That's Crow for "very good."

[S&K ELECTRONICS AWARDED \\$2.2 MILLION CONTRACT](#)

Char-Koosta News 06/26/08

PABLO — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes enterprise S&K Electronics formally entered into a contract worth \$2.2 million with BAE Systems Monday.

[MARKERS HONOR TRIBE'S YOUNG WARRIORS: CEREMONY OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF LITTLE BIGHORN](#)

By BECKY SHAY Billings Gazette 06/26/08

LITTLE BIGHORN NATIONAL MONUMENT - The last commemorative marker for a Cheyenne "suicide boy" killed in the Battle of the Little Bighorn was unveiled Wednesday.

[ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL FINDS MISSING BUFFALO HERD](#)

BILLINGS (AP) — The St. Labre Indian School found its missing herd of bison Thursday —

about a month after more than 130 of the animals ran through a fence at a ranch north of Custer.

[GLACIER COUNTY PRODUCERS ELIGIBLE FOR 2008 ECP BENEFITS FOR PASTURE](#)

Glacier Reporter 06/25/08

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has received approximately \$150,000 in funding for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). The funds received are for Pondera and Custer county producers for projects related to drought and flood in August 2007.

[MEN'S RIDE KICKS OFF CROW NATIVE DAYS](#)

By MOLLY PRIDDY Billings Gazette 06/25/08

Nearly 40 Crow men dressed in full regalia rode horses to the top of Sacrifice Cliff on Tuesday to honor their ancestors and kick off Crow Native Days with the Men's Health Ride.

[JUDGE TO ISSUE FINAL RULING IN COBELL CASE IN AUGUST](#)

Indianz.com 06/26/08

The federal judge handling the landmark Indian trust fund lawsuit said on Wednesday he will issue a final ruling in August. After 10 days of trial, Judge James Robertson heard closing

arguments in the 12-year-old case. Though he has ruled that the federal government cannot account for billions of dollars in Indian trust funds, he cautioned against an equally large final judgment.

COMMISSIONERS WAITING TO SEE IMPACT OF WIND FARM BEFORE DISTRIBUTING FUNDS

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 06/25/08

Having studied sample presentations from two other Montana counties, Glacier County Commissioners decided Tuesday, June 24, to follow the example of Toole County and wait until the impacts are seen before distributing impact fees now collecting interest in a separate county account. A total of \$188,943 was paid Glacier County in impact fees garnered by state formula from NaturEner, the construction company responsible for building the wind energy farm northeast of Cut Bank.

FOR EX-PARTYER, SUCCESS IS BECOMING MOM AGAIN BILLINGS WOMAN IS THE 1ST AMERICAN INDIAN TO GET THROUGH DRUG COURT

By DIANE COCHRAN Billings Gazette 06/26/08

Standing before a packed courtroom, Shirley Holds The Enemy alternately beamed and wept as friends and family members saluted her tenacity and spirit.

PROGRAM LOOKS TO GROOM AMERICAN INDIAN ENTREPRENEURS

By Jo Dee Black, Great Falls Tribune

GREAT FALLS (AP) — Matt Walker, 12, would like to own a business one day. He hasn't pinned down what type, but after this week Matt, who will enter eighth grade at East Middle

School next fall, will be better equipped to pursue future entrepreneurial efforts.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, TRIBES SIGN NATIONAL BISON RANGE AGREEMENT

Char-Koosta News 06/26/08

PABLO — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation signed an Annual Funding Agreement for the National Bison Range Complex, located in Moiese within the boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation. The agreement was negotiated over the past six months by professional natural resource management staff from both parties with support from Service, Department of the Interior, and Tribal leadership, and outlines the activities the Tribes will perform at the Bison Range during fiscal years 2009 through 2011.

AFTER URGING PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE, TESTER PRAISES NATIONAL BISON RANGE AGREEMENT

Historic agreement a 'result of governments working together'

Native American Times 6/25/2008

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Months after he first encouraged negotiations between the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Senator Jon Tester today praised a final agreement to manage the National Bison Range, calling it a "result of governments working together."

SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN TRIBAL JURISDICTION

American Indian Report 06/25/08

In a 5-4 decision the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe does not

have jurisdiction over a non-Indian bank doing business on the reservation. In Plains Commerce Bank v. Long, the Court reversed the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, which said the bank was subject to tribal jurisdiction.

SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS HEARING ON CONTRACT HEALTH

Indianz.com 06/26/08

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee held an oversight hearing Thursday morning on contract health services.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FROM BTBC ELECTION

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 06/25/08

In unofficial results, Henry Butterfly and Terry Joseph "TJ" Show defeated incumbents Earl Old Person and Sooney Little Plume in Tuesday's general election results. Together with Reis Fisher and Rusty Tatsey, four newcomers will make up the newly elected version of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. The four winners will be inaugurated at traditional ceremonies during this year's North American Indian Days celebration, set for July 10-13.

ASSINIBOINE STAR QUILT MAKER TO BE FEATURED

Written by Fort Peck Journal 06/19/08

Three local artists are among a diverse number of traditional people who will be part of the National Folk Festival in Butte on July 11-13. Assiniboine star quilt maker Annette Linder, Wolf Point, jingle dress maker Dana Clark Runs Above, and Northern Cheyenne singer and composer Bill Runs Above, both of Frazer, will be part of the Montana Folklife Division that celebrates the rich, living heritage of Montana.

LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS RECEIVE MINI-GRANTS FROM USDA

Glacier Reporter 06/25/08

Blackfeet Community College received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant from the National 4-H Foundation to award mini-grants to rural communities to address their communities' needs. As a result, five communities on the Blackfeet Reservation were targeted to receive mini-grants of \$2,000 apiece to conduct community service projects.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WEBSITE FEATURING NEW TRIBAL ID LAW MATERIAL

(HELENA) - The Governor's Office of Indian Affairs has added educational material on the new state law on tribal identification cards to its website. To access sample tribal IDs, an educational poster and information about the law, log on to www.tribalid.mt.gov.

As of Oct. 1, 2007, Montana law requires that a tribal identification card be treated the same as a Montana identification card for identification purposes, including but not limited to: obtaining a conservation, hunting, or fishing license; recording titles to motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, pole trailers, travel trailers, campers, motor boats, personal watercraft, sail boats, snowmobiles, and off-highway vehicles; applying for a concealed weapon permit; and purchasing alcohol and tobacco products.

For more information, call the Montana Tribal ID Hotline at 1-800-332-2272. For specific questions relating to a conservation, hunting or fishing license, contact the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks call (406) 444-2950. For specific questions relating to titling of vehicles, contact the Montana Department of Justice call (406) 846-6000. For specific questions relating to the sale of alcohol or tobacco products, contact the Montana Department of Revenue at 1-866-859-2254.

JOB VACANCIES:

JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

ORACLE DATABASE ANALYST, POSITION #61166433, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$43,969 to \$54,961 DOQ. This position provides database administration support for the ITSD database hosting service and assists state agencies with deployment of state standard database technology. Application deadline: Monday July 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=344

SABHRS HR Security Specialist POSITION #61166769, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$38,778 to \$48,472 DOQ. This position is responsible for technical and functional support of the security application of PeopleSoft HRMS applications used by all state agencies. Application deadline: Wednesday July 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=343

HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST, Position #51214, Missoula - The Montana Department of Transportation is seeking a Human Resource Specialist for the Missoula District. \$38,731 Annually. Our people are our greatest asset, and we are looking for someone to join our Team that recognizes that. This position is responsible for interpreting and applying personnel policies, rules and laws, to advise managers, supervisors, and employees on personnel management; training and safety programs; and performing public relations and outreach activities. For a complete listing and to apply, please see us at <http://www.mdt.mt.gov>.

EVENTS/TRAINING:

PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESSES

Written by Fort Peck Journal 06/16/08

The American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development will be hosting its 6th Annual Native American Procurement Conference (NAPC) Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell, Montana, September 9-10, 2008. This national conference brings small business communities together to encourage partnership/teaming relationships and increase competitiveness and opportunities in contracting.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

OFFICE OF CLINICAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES, DIVISION OF NURSING SERVICES NURSING PROGRAM, SCHOOLS OF NURSING

The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Nursing Services, announces a competitive grant application for existing and new grantees under the Nursing Education Program for American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN5). This program is authorized under section 112 of the Indian Health Care

Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437 as amended. This program is described at 93.970 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). [Print](#) | [PDF](#)

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Growth Through Agriculture Program

The Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) program is a grant and loan program established by the Montana Legislature to strengthen and diversify Montana's agricultural industry through the development of new agricultural products and processes.



The GTA program is administered by the Agriculture Development Council and is attached to the Montana Department of Agriculture. The Council is comprised of seven members, five of whom are actively engaged in agriculture, plus the directors of the Montana Department of Agriculture and the Montana Department of Commerce. Eligible applicants include public and private organizations, business and industry, educational institutions, local governments and individuals.

Application deadlines are January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year. The Council strongly encourages applicants to contact their local Regional Development Officer and Certified Regional Development Corporation for technical and financial assistance including assistance with applications and business plans. The Council also strongly encourages applicants to prepare and submit business plans and financial statements for proposed business activities.

Click [here](#) to find contact information for a local Regional Development Officer. For contact information on an area Certified Regional Development Corporation, click [here](#).

[Information about GTA applications \(PDF document\)](#)
[Fillable GTA Application form \(Word doc\)](#)

For more information about the Growth Through Agriculture program, please contact:

GTA Program Manager
Montana Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 200201
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\$600	\$600	\$600
\$400	\$400	\$400
\$200	\$200	\$200

WOMEN'S 18-54

TRADITIONAL	JINGLE	FANCY
\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
\$600	\$600	\$600
\$400	\$400	\$400
\$200	\$200	\$200

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\$300	\$500	\$500
\$400	\$400	\$400
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\$300	\$300	\$300
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1ST	\$4,000
2ND	\$3,000
3RD	\$2,000
4TH	\$1,000

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COORDINATORS: JOE FOX JR, ALLEN CLUBFOOT, BEN LONEBEAR, MAIN CONTACT NCT TRIBAL OFFICE (406) 477-6284

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Presentations by the Indian Law Resource Center

THE NEW UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES — HOW TO USE IT

Tuesday, July 29 9am – 5pm

International human rights law is a critical legal and political tool that can help indigenous peoples mitigate and prevent violations of their human rights. Using current human rights issues impacting Indian country as examples, this presentation focuses on how international advocacy in the United Nations and Organization of American States can be used to address human rights violations against American Indians and Alaska Natives.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN — USING INTERNATIONAL LAW TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES

Thursday, July 31 10am – 12pm

American Indian and Alaska Native women suffer from sexual violence at rates that far exceed other women in the United States. One in three Native women will experience sexual violence at least once in her life. This presentation discusses how international advocacy can be used to raise awareness of this problem and pressure the United States to fulfill its international legal obligations to ensure that Native women can enjoy the right to be free and safe from violence.



LUCY RAIN SIMPSON, Navajo, is an attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center, a non-profit legal advocacy organization with offices in Helena, Montana and Washington, DC. Prior to joining the Center, she provided legal representation to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Tribes, and the Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Counsel. She received her JD from the University of Colorado.



TERRI HENRY, Eastern Band of Cherokee, is founder and Principal Director of Clan Star Inc., a tribal non-profit organization devoted to improving justice to strengthen the sovereignty of Indigenous women through legal, legislative and policy initiatives. She is a founding member of the NCAI Taskforce on Violence Against Women.



KIRSTEN MATOY CARLSON, a Cherokee descendant, is an attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center. She received her law degree and earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the Center, she taught law at the University of Minnesota Law School.

EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS — USING MEDIA TO TELL YOUR STORY

Thursday, July 31 10am – 12pm Repeats 1:45pm to 3:45pm

This workshop will focus on effective methods to engage the media and get your story told using traditional media sources as well as electronic media. You will learn the fundamentals of how to use press releases, press kits, editorials, electronic newsletters, web sites and blogs. Presenters will also cover effective public speaking and how to frame your message.



VALERIE TALIMAN, Navajo, is Director of Communications for the Indian Law Resource Center in Helena, Montana. She is a widely published journalist, former newspaper editor, radio producer, and magazine publisher. She is also president of Three Sisters Media, LLC.



KARA BRIGGS, Yakama, is president of Red Hummingbird Media Corporation and a longtime journalist. She writes a national column for Indian Country Today and edited the book *Shoot the Indian: Media, Misperception and Native Truth*. She lives on the Tulalip Reservation in Washington.



RANDI ROURKE, Mohawk, oversees the editorial and opinion pages of Indian Country Today and is editor of ICT's weekly newspaper and quarterly magazines. She is a graduate of Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, and lives in Akwesasne with husband, Tsiorasa Barreiro, and two children, Kanatires and Tehokwirathe.

Contact conference organizers at: **571-323-5641** or **www.wewin04.org**